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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM AF/C - K. AISTON

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1. (C) THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF: THANKS FOR THE HEADS-UP ON THE PLANNED TUESDAY INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. OF COURSE, SEVERAL PLANNED INSTALLATION DATES HAVE COME AND GONE WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT BEING FORMED, BUT LET'S HOPE THAT THIS TIME THE WOLF REALLY SHOWS UP. IF IT DOESN'T, WE'LL NEED TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS. TO THAT END, AS I INDICATED ON THE PHONE, WE'D LIKE TO SEE THE TEXT OF THE EU DEMARCHE THAT YOU WOULD PROPOSE JOINING. DOES IT SAY ANYTHING THAT WE DIDN'T ALREADY SAY IN THE LAST ROUND

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OF DEMARCHES? IF NOT, WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER ADDING SOME POINTS THAT WE MIGHT MAKE ON OUR OWN (ANY IDEAS ON WHAT ELSE WE MIGHT SAY WOULD BE WELCOME). BUT LET'S HOPE THAT EVENTS ON TUESDAY WILL MAKE ANOTHER ROUND OF DEMARCHES UNNECESSARY.

2. (C) AFRICA WATCH 1993 REPORT: YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED MY FAX OF THE RWANDA SECTION OF THE AFRICA WATCH ANNUAL REPORT BY NOW. THE DISCUSSION OF EVENTS ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA SEEMED TO BE RELATIVELY ACCURATE,

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ALTHOUGH I NOTED THAT AFRICA WATCH CAME DOWN PRETTY HARD ON HABYARIMANA AND THE MRND WHILE DEVOTING MUCH LESS TIME TO RPF ABUSES. THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY (WITH THE U.S. MENTIONED FIRST) GOT WELL-DESERVED PLAUDITS FOR ITS INTERVENTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. HOWEVER, AS YOU SAW, AFRICA WATCH TOOK A REAL CHEAP SHOT ON THE HABYARIMANA VISIT IN OCTOBER. OF COURSE, WE DID NOT/NOT DUCK HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES TO AVOID SPOILING THE VISIT'S "POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE", AND WHERE AFRICA WATCH GOT THAT IDEA IS BEYOND ME. WHEN ALISON DESFORGE CALLED, I TOLD HER THAT, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, HABYARIMANA WAS MAKING A ROUND OF TRIPS TO THANK THE U.S., FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND HIS AFRICAN NEIGHBORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PEACE PROCESS (THE ARUSHA ACCORDS HAVING RECENTLY BEEN SIGNED). WHEN ALISON ASKED WHETHER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WERE RAISED DURING THE U.S. TRIP, I TOLD HER WE COULDN'T SHARE THE CONTENTS OF PRIVATE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS BUT THAT IT WAS OUR POLICY TO RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES DURING ALL SUCH VISITS. THIS, UNFORTUNATELY, WAS NOT HOW AFRICA WATCH REPORTED THINGS. ARLENE PLANS TO CALL ALISON AND CORRECT THE RECORD ON

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THIS ONE POINT. ON THE PLUS SIDE, THE REPORT DOES GIVE THE USG CREDIT FOR PUSHING THE PEACE PROCESS, THE SUCCESS OF WHICH IS, AFTER ALL, A PREREQUISITE TO SOLVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM.

3. (U) GENTLE REMINDER: WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT WORK REQUIREMENT STATEMENT (WRS) I SENT YOU LAST MONTH (STATE 20951). THE WRS IS SUPPOSED TO BE DONE WITHIN 45 DAYS OF YOUR ARRIVAL, WHICH WOULD BE TODAY (2/18), SO PLEASE GET BACK TO ME QUICKLY ON THIS. ALSO, ONCE YOU HAVE AGREED TO THE TEXT, I WILL NEED YOUR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE WRS ON YOUR BEHALF, SO PLEASE SEND THAT IN AS WELL. THANKS.

4. (U) GERALD ROSE VISIT?: RETIRED FSO GERALD ROSE, WHOM I'M TOLD YOU KNOW, CAME BY TO SEE ME YESTERDAY. HE NOW WORKS FOR A COMPANY CALLED FRANK E. BASIL, INC., WHICH PROVIDES ALL SORTS OF CONTRACTING SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS. ROSE'S COMPANY IS THINKING ABOUT OFFERING ITS SERVICES TO VARIOUS UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (THEY ALSO DO LOGISTICS), INCLUDING THE RWANDA OPERATION. TO THAT END, ROSE MAY BE TRAVELING TO AFRICA AT THE END OF THIS MONTH OR EARLY MARCH TO DO SOME

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PROSPECTING FOR BUSINESS. HE CAME BY FOR A BRIEFING ON UNAMIR AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION, WHICH I GAVE HIM. HIS COMPANY STILL HASN'T DECIDED WHETHER TO GIVE HIM THE GREEN LIGHT TO MAKE THE TRIP YET, BUT IN CASE HE GOES, I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD HAVE A HEADS-UP. I ALSO GAVE HIM LAURA'S NAME AS A FIRST POINT-OF-CONTACT.  
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